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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: A METHOD FOR PRODUCING α -HYDROXYCARBOXYLIC ACID
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 60 pages, including 4 independent claims and 13 claims total.
2. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
3. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Nippon Shokubai Co., Ltd.
4. Certified copies of: Japanese Patent Application No. 166382/2000, filed June 2, 2000, Japanese Patent Application No. 350695/2000, filed November 17, 2000, and Japanese Patent Application No. 171186/2000, filed June 7, 2000
5. Sequence Listing (2 sheets) and 1 diskette containing sequence listings.

6. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 166382/2000, filed June 2, 2000, Japanese Patent Application No. 350695/2000, filed November 17, 2000, and Japanese Patent Application No. 171186/2000, filed June 7, 2000.

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